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Herewith repeat Oslo TOREP 183, April 26, 7 p.m.

Fol message repeated in accordance with REPTO 2791.

"Ref: Controls for conservation scarce resources.

1. For basic comments see govt report to OEEC re measures taken to increase production and reduce consumption scarce materials. Also see Oslo Emb despatch 1311 dated Mar 6 and 1407 dated Mar 28.

2. Govt presently has administrative authority and machinery to impose conservation orders and is currently engaged that task. Also, can require individual producers to deliver products to particular purchasers when necessary for defense. Many allocations of materials to fabricators based on informal agreements rather than formal restrictions on manufacture of end items.

3. There follow comments on current restrictions on individual commodities:

A. Zinc. 1951. Cut accomplished through limitation on use by ZNO two producers and by Norway's only sheet and plate producers. Control over sale of these users through agreement with Norway zinc refinery.

B. Tin plate. Consumption by canners of fruit and vegetables for domestic market prohibited.

C. Aluminum. Only one Norwegian producer sells domestically. Govt has agreement with company re what will be produced and to whom sold. Company gives priority to defense users. No (rpt no) formal list of prohibited end items published.

D. Nickel. Only small quantity consumed by four companies, one of which an ammunition plant and two other govt-owned. Companies have informally agreed restrict use to which nickel put.

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E. Raw hides

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E. Raw hides and skins. Allocated to tanners on basis 48/49 use. No (rpt no) control over end products.

F. Nickel - containing stainless steel. 90% of demand imported and not (rpt not) on free list. Import to state end uses and purposes prior to grant of import licenses. For importers who sell to many users, govt has listed industries to which sales can be made (e.g. pulp and paper, electro metallurgical, electro chemical, fish canning, medical equipment). No (rpt no) restrictions on chromium stainless steels.

G. Copper. Restrictions placed on manufacture end items March 31. List is quite comprehensive and includes electrical and lighting materials, building materials, and utensils and accessories. Copper items cannot be produced, without govt approval, by manufacturers not (rpt not) in regular production such items on Mar 31.

H. Rubber: Only restrictions are on liquid latex which represents 18% annual import natural rubber. Production follow sample items prohibited: Toilet articles, toys, balloons, insulating materials, cycle tires, floor mats. Purchasers of new tires required surrender old tires.

I. Chemicals, Only restrictions are on caustic soda which allocated to users based on use last half 1950. Short supply due to increased demand by pulp and paper mills.

J. Cement and building materials. Use controlled through grant building permits.

K. Textiles are rationed and not (rpt not) on free list.

4. Plans for further control:

A. Newsprint. Allocation to domestic press to be reduced 10% below 1950 consumption level.

B. Pulp. Allocation for manufacture wrapping paper to be reduced 50%.

C. Natural and

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C. Natural and synthetic rubber. Restrictions to be placed on end items for which production not (rpt not) permitted. Reclaiming plant will be started soon.

D. Though formal controls not (rpt not) felt necessary on nickel, zinc, and aluminum, Norway will issue lists prohibiting manufacture certain end items in accordance with common agreement now being worked on by PC." Signed Gross.

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